

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-18. (canceled).

19. (currently amended): A method of producing an elastic plate for an ink jet recording head, comprising the steps of:

laminating and bonding a polymer film and a rolled metal plate to form a base member;  
and

etching said rolled metal plate ~~in such a manner that~~ based on a rolling direction of said rolled metal plate ~~is parallel~~ being perpendicular to a long side of an elastic plate, thereby forming a through hole serving as an elastically deformable region.

20. (currently amended): A method of producing an elastic plate for an ink jet recording head, comprising the steps of:

laminating and bonding a polymer film which has undergone an annealing process, and a rolled metal plate to form a base member; and

etching said rolled metal plate ~~in such a manner that~~ based on a rolling direction of said rolled metal plate ~~is parallel~~ being perpendicular to a long side of an elastic plate, thereby forming a through hole serving as an elastically deformable region.

21. (currently amended): A method of producing an elastic plate for an ink jet recording head, comprising the steps of:

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laminating and bonding a metal plate which is elastically deformable, and a rolled metal plate via an adhesive agent layer having an etching resistance; and

etching said rolled metal plate ~~in such a manner that~~ based on a rolling direction of said rolled metal plate ~~is parallel~~ being perpendicular to a long side of an elastic plate, thereby forming a through hole serving as an elastically deformable region.

22. (currently amended): A method of producing an elastic plate for an ink jet recording head, wherein a through hole is formed ~~in such a manner that~~ based on a rolling direction of said rolled metal plate ~~is parallel~~ being perpendicular to a long side of an elastic plate, and said rolled metal plate is bonded to a metal plate which is elastically deformable, via an adhesive agent layer.

Claims 23-30. (canceled).